

### REMARKS

This is submitted in response to the Examiner's office action dated April 19, 2005.

Applicant has amended the first paragraph on page 1 of the application to clarify the related application data by specifying that the parent application of this continuation application is U.S. Patent No. 6,607,517, issued on August 19, 2003.

The Examiner has stated that claims 1-15 are pending in the application. Applicant respectfully submits that claims 2-15 had been cancelled when the present application was filed. (See page 2 of the transmittal papers filed with the application.)

The Examiner has rejected all of claims 1-15 as being unpatentable over claims 1-15 of U.S. Pat. No. 6,607,517, based on the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting. In response thereto, a terminal disclaimer is being filed herewith to obviate the Examiner's rejection.

Applicant has amended claim 1 in order to more clearly define the invention for which patent protection is sought, for example, by removing unnecessary language from the preamble of the claim. In addition, new dependent claims 16-34 have been added. Applicant submits that each of these new claims defines subject matter that has been disclosed in the application as filed, and thus no "new matter" is being added by the present amendment.

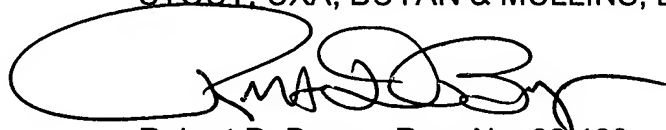
Applicant submits that each of the remaining claims, namely, amended claim 1 and new claims 16-34, defines patentable subject matter and allowance thereof is earnestly solicited. Applicant reserves the right to prosecute the subject matter of original claims 1-

15, as well as other claims supported by the application's disclosure, for example, by way of one or more later-filed related applications.

The Examiner is invited to telephone Applicant's undersigned counsel in the event that the Examiner perceives any reason why a Notice of Allowance should not issue in connection with this application.

Respectfully submitted,  
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